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To: **All Counsel of Record and Litigants Before the
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Re: **ANNOUNCING THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT'S NEW INTERNET SITE**

Effective May 1, 2000, the Court joined the PACER NET system of federal court Internet sites. This is a national system which replaced the private system of Internet sites established by some of the federal courts of appeals and cooperating law schools. On May 1, the court ended its relationship with Washington University School of Law, which had been the home of the court's Internet site. If you are a user of the court's dial-up Appellate Bulletin Board System (ABBS), that system will continue to be available after May 1.

Pursuant to the policy of the Judicial Council of the United States, the court must charge for access to docket sheet information. The nationally-established charge is \$.07 per page. In order to view or download docket sheet information, you need to establish a PACER NET account with the federal courts' national billing center in San Antonio, Texas. If you currently have an account, either for ABBS or another federal court's PACER NET system, you do not need to establish a new account in order to access the Eighth Circuit's docket sheets. *However, if you do not have an account, you will need to establish one in order to obtain docket sheet information.* You can do this by calling the San Antonio Billing Center at 1-800-676-6856. Billing and system support will be handled by the Billing Center, although my office will be happy to help you if you experience any problems.

The address for the court's new web site is www.ca8.uscourts.gov. The site offers the full text of all opinions (published and unpublished), opinion summaries, docket sheets for all cases (back to 1991), the court's oral argument calendars, the Federal and Eighth Circuit appellate rules, practice guides, the Eighth Circuit Model Jury Instructions, and digital versions of all oral arguments from March, 2000 to date. All attorney-filed briefs in year 2000 cases are available in PDF format. Forms and practice check-lists can also be found on the site. Access to everything other than docket sheets is free-of-charge.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about the new site.

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